

perimeter edge, the terminal perimeter edge presenting a smooth interface surface to which the hot melt adhesive is applied.

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7. ~~(original)~~ In a method of constructing a dispenser cartridge used to hold and dispense food sauce, the dispenser cartridge formed of a generally cylindrical cartridge body having a central longitudinal axis, an end disk affixed to a dispenser end of the cartridge body, and plug positioned within the cartridge body and spaced from the end disk, where the cylindrical cartridge body is formed by looping opposing ends of a planar sheet together in overlapping relation and affixing the ends to each other to form the cartridge body with an interior surface where a longitudinal side seam extends thereon for the length of the cartridge body, the improvement comprising the steps of:

aligning the plug such that a circumferential edge thereof is transversely aligned with respect to the cartridge body central longitudinal axis; and
applying a layer of adhesive to the circumferential edge of the plug ~~in such a way~~
~~as~~ to seal the plug with the cartridge body interior surface such that any food sauce disposed within the cartridge body and between the end disk and the plug is prevented from flowing past the circumferential edge of the plug along the cartridge body interior surface.

8. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein the adhesive is a thermoplastic food grade hot melt adhesive.

9. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein the plug further comprises a body and a peripheral skirt extending from the body on which the circumferential edge is formed, and wherein the step of applying a layer of adhesive further comprises applying the adhesive into a gap formed between the peripheral skirt and the interior surface of the cartridge body proximal to the side seam.

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10. ~~(original)~~ A method of coupling a plug to a generally cylindrical cartridge body for a dispenser cartridge used to hold and dispense food sauce, the cartridge body formed of a continuous loop sidewall presenting an interior surface, the method comprising the steps of:

positioning the plug having a circumferential edge within the cartridge body such that the circumferential edge is aligned generally in a plane transverse to the interior surface of the cartridge body; and

applying a layer of hot melt adhesive to the circumferential edge of the plug ~~in such as way as~~ to seal the plug with the cartridge body and serve as a barrier to flow of food sauce disposed within the cartridge past the circumferential edge of the plug along the cartridge body interior surface.

11. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein a side seam extends longitudinally along the cartridge body interior surface formed by overlapping portions of the continuous loop sidewall to present a first interior diameter of the cartridge body measured from a first position immediately adjacent to the overlapping portions, and a second interior diameter of the cartridge body measured from a second position collocated with the overlapping